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# The Challenge

Closest Trauma Unit – 117 Miles (Level IV)

- Moab, UT (5 treated)

Closest Level I Trauma Unit – 190 Miles

- Flagstaff, AZ (2 treated)

26 Treated 75 Miles Away, No Trauma Unit

- Monticello, UT

10 Treated 230 Miles Away, Level II

- Grand Junction, CO

3 Treated 360 Miles Away, Level I

- Salt Lake City, UT

*Note: Does Not Include Distances for Emergency Vehicles to Travel to Accident Site*



# NTSB Role

Independent Accident Investigator

Determine Probable Cause(s)

Look At

- Causes
- Survival Factors
- Emergency Response

Issue Recommendations

Recommendation Acceptance Rate > 80%



# Thanks To

Emergency Responders, AZ, CO, NM, UT

Congress for Creating FICEMS

FICEMS Members

NHTSA for Leading FICEMS

FICEMS for Convening This Workshop

IOM for Funding, Hosting This Workshop

State of Utah

NASEMSO, AASHTO, FHWA



# Our Recommendations

## FICEMS

- Communication Enhancement Funding
- EMS Response to Large Rural Accidents

## Utah EMS Bureau

- Contingency Plan for Large Rural Accidents in Bad Weather

## NASEMSO, AASHTO, FHWA

- Risk Assessment Criteria for Rural Bus Travel



# Exacerbating Circumstances

Lack of Communications

Bad Weather

No Roads? (Aviation, Rail)

Entire Communities? (Pipeline, Rail)



# The Future

More Tour Buses on Rural Roads

Retired Baby Boomers Touring

- Time Not of the Essence
- Want to See it “Up Close and Personal”

More Skiing and Other Expeditions



**Thank You**

***Questions?***



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